REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 4 contained informalities that have been corrected by the present amendment.

All the pending claims were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over (1) claims 1-20 of copending Application No. 10/531,784; (2) claims 1-24 of co-pending U.S. application No. 10/531,795; and (3) claims 1-41 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 11/107,687 which Applicants note has been granted as US 7,326,390, which issued on February 5, 2008. A Terminal Disclaimer is provided, which obviates the Examiner's rejections.

It is believed that all the claims are in condition to be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 321-4276 if such communication would expedite allowance of this application.

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